Complaints against CMD of STC

1364. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND
INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of complaints of atrocities/ harassment of SC/ST employees are pending against the CMD of STC:

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard:

(c) whether Government have got the complaints investigated by an independent authority.

(d) if so. what are the details in this regard; and

(e) what action has been taken/Government propose to take against the CMD?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) to (e) Earlier certain complaints, against CMD, STC of harassment of certain SC/ST officials were received which were examined in the Ministry.The Government had got the matter investigated in consultations with Central Vigilance Commission, who in agreement with the Department, agreed to closure of the case since no evidence of harassment of SC/ST officials could be found after the investigation. The complaint against CMD, STC in the matter has since been closed. However, STC has recently received two such representations through National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes alleging usuages of derogatory remarks against SC/ST employees, against transfer and seeking out-of-turn promotion. The Commission had requested for the comments of STC on these complaints which have already been submitted.

New markets for tobacco

1365. SHRIMATIVANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether problems of the tobacco industry have been studied;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to explore new markets for tobacco?